

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	)	Examiner: SAOUD, Christine J.
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Avi ASHKENAZI, et al.	)	Art Unit: 1647
	)	
Application Serial No. 09/905,348	)	Confirmation No: 3826
	)	
Filed: July 13, 2001	)	Attorney's Docket No. GNE-1618P2C18
	)	
For: <b>SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE</b>	)	<b>Customer No. 77845</b>
<b>POLYPEPTIDES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS</b>	)	
<b>ENCODING THE SAME</b>	)	

**ON APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**  
**REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPEAL BY APPELLANTS**

Commissioner for Patents - **MAIL STOP APPEAL BRIEF - PATENTS**  
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Dear Sir:

On December 27, 2007, the Examiner made a final rejection to pending Claims 44-46 and 49-51. A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 27, 2008 and Appellants' Appeal Brief was filed September 29, 2008.

Appellants hereby request that the appeal be withdrawn, and that the above-identified application be expressly withdrawn as of the filing date of this paper.

I am the attorney or agent of record.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 18, 2009

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